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LETTER RE: E: STATEMENT UNDER 42 U.S.C. 2182
(90 Day Letting DOE)

A statement under statute 42 U.S.C. 2182 has been filed in the above-identified application. Copies of the statement and required application papers are forwarded herewith.

A dated acknowledgment of receipt in the U.S. Department of Energy of the copies of the statement and required application papers is requested to determine the starting of the 90-day period recited in the statute. A Jetter is provided for a return receipt.

The Conthissioner for Patents,

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Enclosures (3): Statement under 42 U.S.C. 2182 (copy) Application papers (copy)

Duplicate copy of this letter

Receipt in the U.S. Department of Energy is acknowledged of the above letter and its enclosures.

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SN: 10/766 483 Date Rec'd in DOE: 3/24/0 S This application has been reviewed and from the information

at hand you are hereby advise that the U.S. Department of Energy will not file a directive in this case. Brenda K. Banks, DOE

202-586-2802

Date 3/29/05

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